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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

THOMAS L. CUPPS et al.

Serial No.

Group Art Unit 1625

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AND USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, which is a continuation of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/929,943 as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation application of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/929,943 filed August 2001, allowed December 17, 2001 which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/266,197 filed March 10. 1999, U.S. Patent No. 6,329,391, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/139,859, filed August 25, 1998, abandoned, which claims priority under Title 35, United States Code 119(e) from Provisional Application Serial No. 60/058,891, filed September 15, 1997.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-18 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 2-18 are canceled without prejudice by this amendment. Only Claim 1 is pending. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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